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and other persons who are members of the Conference of State Societies, Washington. District of Columbia, their successors, and persons admitted to membership pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, are created and declared to be a body corporate by the name of the "National Conference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia", and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions contained in this chapter.

(Apr. 3, 1952, ch. 131, § 1, 66 Stat. 37; July 5, 1968, Pub. L. 90-382, § 1(1), 82 Stat. 292.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1968—Pub. L. 90-382 redesignated the Conference of State Societies as the National Conference of State Societies.

### § 402. Purposes of corporation

The purposes of this corporation shall be to promote friendly and cooperative relations between the various State and Territorial societies in the District of Columbia, and to foster, participate in, and encourage educational, cultural, charitable, civic, and patriotic programs, and activities in the District of Columbia and surrounding communities, to act as contact agent with States for carrying out State and National programs.

(Apr. 3, 1952, ch. 131, § 2, 66 Stat. 38.)

### § 403. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have the following powers:

- (a) To sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (b) To adopt, alter, and use a corporate seal;
- (c) To choose such officers, managers, and agents as the business of the corporation may require;
- (d) To ordain and establish bylaws and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States of America or of any State in which the corporation operates, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (e) To contract and be contracted with;
- (f) To take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest any property, real or personal, necessary for carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject to applicable provisions of law of any State (1) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (2) otherwise lim-

iting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State;

(g) To transfer or convey real or personal property;

(h) To borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal or State law;

(i) To use and display such emblems and badges as it may adopt;

(j) To publish a newspaper, magazine, or other publication consistent with its corporate purposes;

(k) To do any and all acts necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

(Apr. 3, 1952, ch. 131, § 3, 66 Stat. 38.)

### § 404. Headquarters and principal office; territorial scope of activities; agent for service of process

(a) The headquarters and principal offices of the corporation shall be located in Washington, District of Columbia, but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place, but may be conducted throughout the various States and Territories of the United States.

(b) The corporation shall maintain at all times in the District of Columbia a designated agent authorized to accept service of process for the Corporation, such designation to be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to, or service upon, such agent, or mailed to the address of such agent, shall be deemed sufficient notice or service upon the corporation.

(Apr. 3, 1952, ch. 131, § 4, 66 Stat. 39.)

### § 405. Membership

The membership of the corporation shall be made up of the members of the various State and Territorial societies in the District of Columbia. Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be determined according to the regulations and bylaws of the corporation.

(Apr. 3, 1952, ch. 131, § 5, 66 Stat. 39.)

### § 406. Officers

The officers of the corporation shall be a president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, historian, and such other officers as may be designated by the governing body.

(Apr. 3, 1952, ch. 131, § 6, 66 Stat. 39.)

### § 407. Board of representatives

#### (a) Composition; powers

The governing body of the corporation shall be a board of representatives which shall consist of one representative from each State society and Territorial society in the District of Columbia. Such board of representatives shall exercise the powers herein granted to the corporation, and each member of such board shall have one vote upon all matters determined.